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Box Patent Application  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Attorney's Docket No. SONY-Q9138  
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First Named Inventor TARO SUITO

**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**  
( under 37 CFR 1.53(b) )

SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application entitled:  
**INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD, AND  
DISTRIBUTION MEDIA**

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10**

I hereby certify that this New Application and the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date November 23, 1999, in an envelope bearing "Express Mail Post Office To Addressee" Mailing Label Number EL254066439US addressed to: Box Patent Application, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Transmittal Form (two copies required)
2. The papers required for filing date under CFR § 1.53(b):
  - i. 60 Pages of specification (including claims and abstract);
  - ii. 29 Sheets of drawings.  
☒ formal ☐ informal
3. Declaration or oath
  - a. ☒ Unsigned

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

4. ☐ An assignment of the invention to SONY CORPORATION is attached (including Form PTO-1595).
  - i. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
5. ☒ Power of Attorney (unsigned)
6. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed, including a PTO-1449 and copies of ☐ references.
7. ☒ Preliminary Amendment.
8. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503 -- should be specifically itemized)
9. FOREIGN PRIORITY
  - [x] Priority of application no. P10-339274 filed on November 30, 1998 in Japan is claimed under 35 USC 119.

The certified copy of the priority application:  
☒ is filed herewith; or  
☐ has been filed in prior application no. ☐ filed on ☐, or  
☐ will be provided.  
☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

10. FEE CALCULATION

- a. ☐ Amendment changing number of claims or deleting multiple dependencies is enclosed.

CLAIMS AS FILED

	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee (\$760)
Total Claims	87 - 20	* 67	x \$18.00	1,206.00
Independent Claims	12 - 3	* 9	x \$78.00	702.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple dependent claim(s), if any			\$260.00	0

\*If less than zero, enter "0".

Filing Fee Calculation . . . . . \$2,668.00

50% Filing Fee Reduction (if applicable) . . . . . \$

11. Small Entity Status

- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.  
b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.  
c. ☐ is no longer claimed.

12. Other Fees

- ☐ Recording Assignment [\$40.00] . . . . . \$0  
☐ Other fees  
Specify \_\_\_\_\_ \$

Total Fees Enclosed . . . . . \$2,668.00

13. Payment of Fees

- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$ 2,668.00 enclosed.  
☐ Charge Account No. 12-1420 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_.  
**A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.**

14. All correspondence regarding this application should be forwarded to the undersigned attorney:

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15. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

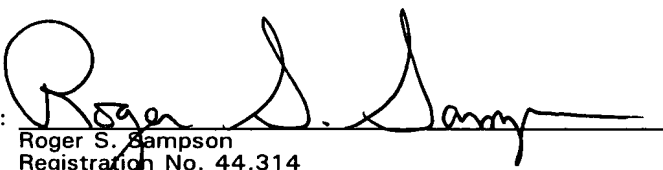
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